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1. USG, AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM EXPLAINED TO COMGEN RENNIE DURING HIS LAST VISIT HERE, REMAINS FIRMLY OPPOSED TO ANY "FORMAL RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN UNRWA AND PLO. ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH RELATIONSHIP WOULD CAUSE INTENSE REACTION IN CONGRESS AND US PUBLIC OPINION WITH PROBABLE RESULT OF REDUCTIONS IN, OR EVEN ELIMINATION OF, US CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNRWA. WE HAVE SOUGHT ENSURE DURING THEIR RECENT VISITS HERE THAT BOTH RENNIE AND MCILHENNEY
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CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT UNRWA CONTACTS WITH PLO NOW

PRESENT HIGH RISK TO USG CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA IN CONTRAST TO SLIGHT POSSIBILITY THAT PLO WILL BECOME CONDUIT TO UNRWA OF INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ARAB OIL-PRODUCING NATIONS.

2. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO UNRWA THAT USG CANNOT ACCEPT ANY PERMANENT STATUS FOR PLO IN ADVISORY COMMISSION. UN LEGAL COUNSEL'S OPINION (USUN REFTL) IS CLEAR THAT, SINCE AD COM IS COMMITTEE OF LIMITED MEMBERS SPECIFICALLY ESTABLISHED BY GA, PLO HAS NO RIGHT RPT RIGHT TO ADDRESS, OR PARTICIPATE IN WORK OF, ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHETHER AS "OBSERVER" OR UNDER SOME OTHER TITLE. WE NOTE FROM REFAIR THAT ISSUE MAY ARISE AT NEXT ADCOM MEETING, PERHAPS IN MID-FEBRUARY. EMBASSY SHOULD REPORT IMMEDIATELY ANY MOVE BY PLO OR ARAB MEMBERS OF ADCOM INDICATING ATTEMPT TO INCLUDE PLO IN THAT OR FUTURE MEETINGS. DEPT WILL INSTRUCT FURTHER ON BASIS OF SUCH INFO. KISSINGER

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